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~~substantial quantities of hard coal deposits which were~~

Experimental shafts driven to a depth of 430 to 450 meters, cross-cuts from 250 to 300 meters long, and other drilling operations undertaken indicated that a total of 14 to 16 million tons of exploitable coal are available in the area. The coal is of the anthracite type and has an average ash content of 12 percent. Some of the coal tested had an ash content of only 4 percent, but at some places the ash content rose to 25 percent and even higher. Experts believe that the coal may be used for special branches of the industry and even for the production of special technical fuels. 25X1

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